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SUBJECT: POST'S FSN NOMINATION FOR 2009 ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND HEALTH COURSE

REF: STATE 15409

**¶1.** (U) Post would like to nominate Bibi Gul-e-Afshan for the 2009 Environment, Science, Technology, and Health (ESTH) course at FSI. This course would help bolster her reporting and drafting skills as well as increase her knowledge on ESTH policy issues.

**¶2.** (U) Please see below the requested biographic data on Bibi Gul-e-Afshan:

**¶A.** Name/Grade - Bibi Gul-e-Afshan; FSN-8  
**¶B.** Date of Birth - 02/17/1981  
**¶C.** Nationality - Pakistan  
**¶D.** Passport Number - KE 863782  
**¶E.** Agency - State

**¶F.** Title - Country Coordinator, Biosecurity Engagement Program

**¶G.** American Supervisor - J.M. Saxton-Ruiz, [saxton-ruizjm@state.gov](mailto:saxton-ruizjm@state.gov)

**¶3.** (U) Education, Job Experience, Current Responsibilities: Bibi Gul-e-Afshan has received a Masters of Botany and a Masters of International Relations. Her past job experience includes working as the Deputy Livelihood Program Manager at World Vision International for three years. Prior to that, she worked for Rural Support Program Network, another development organization, as the Enterprise/Livelihoods and Disaster Risk Reduction Officer for a period of two years. Gul-e-Afshan joined U.S. Embassy Islamabad in October 2008. She currently reports on and monitors the Biosecurity Engagement Program (BEP) at Post. In addition, she also reviews projects funded and approved under the U.S. and Pakistan Science and Technology Agreement.

**¶4.** (U) Description of how course would enhance nominee's productivity at Post: This ESTH course would give Ms. Afshan a greater sense of ESTH procedures and priorities and provide her with a broader context of U.S. policy objectives. Furthermore, it will strengthen her reporting and interviewing skills which is important as she often meets with Government of Pakistan officials by herself.

Post would like for her to increase her reporting on ESTH issues and we feel that this course would give her the proper tools to do so.

**¶5.** (U) Suggestions for Course Content: It would be helpful for Gul-e-Afshan and for Post if the course content is more geared towards enhancing her drafting, interviewing and reporting skills.

**¶6.** (U) Previous FSI Training: Gul-e-Afshan has not had any previous FSI training

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